



Naval Air Facility Misawa

Captain Brian Pummill

Commanding Officer

Captain Brian Pummill is a native of Piqua, Ohio. He graduated with honors from the United States Naval Academy in 1994, earning a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. He entered flight training in November of 1994 and was designated a Naval Aviator in May of 1996.

After completing H-46D fleet replacement pilot training, he reported to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FIVE in Guam flying the Sea Knight. While there, he made two Amphibious Search and Rescue deployments in USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3) and served as a Division Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and NVD Program Manager.

Upon completion of his first tour, Captain Pummill reported to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron THREE in San Diego, California as one of the initial cadre of MH-60S Flight Instructors. During this tour, he served as the MH-60S NATOPS Program Manager and Commander Naval Air Forces NATOPS Evaluator. Additionally, he completed temporary assignments at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light FOUR ONE as a SH-60B Flight Instructor, the H-60R/S Fleet Introduction Team, and participated in the Operational Evaluation of the MH-60S at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE.

Captain Pummill completed the Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Course before serving a subsequent fleet tour flying the MH-60S at Helicopter Combat Support Squadron EIGHT in Norfolk, Virginia. During this assignment, he temporarily served as the Safety Officer in USS SAIPAN (LHA-2), and qualified as a CIC Watch Officer and Officer of the Deck Underway.

Captain Pummill completed his Department Head tour at Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWO SIX in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Training Officer and Operations Officer. During his assignment, he deployed to NSA Bahrain and in HSV-2 SWIFT as the Officer-in-Charge of the "World Famous" Desert Hawks.

Following his Department Head tour, Captain Pummill reported to U. S. Joint Forces Command where he was the Global Force Management Lead Planner in the Future Requirements Branch of the J-33. While there, he completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase Two at Joint Forces Staff College and earned a Master of Science in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego.

Captain Pummill assumed Command of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron NINE in Norfolk, Virginia after serving as the Executive Officer. During this tour, his squadron completed the first east coast deployment of a HSC(CVW) squadron in USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77) and USNS SACAGAWEA (T-AKE 2), and earned the 2010 CNO Unit SAR Excellence Award, the 2011 Battle "E", and 2012 CNO Aviation Safety Award.

Following his Command tour, Captain Pummill served as Operations Officer in USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75), homeported at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. During this tour, he oversaw all operational aspects of a nine month deployment to the FIFTH and SIXTH Fleets in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Captain Pummill previously served as a Program Director for operational-level NATO exercises at the Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger Norway before reporting to NAF Misawa.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), Joint Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign decorations. He has accumulated over 4,900 flight hours.



Captain Pummill is married to the former Michelle Choux of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. They have two children, Isabelle and Garrett.